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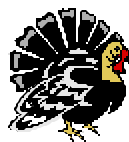
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate with light sales reported for prompt and deferred deliveries. Supplies are light to fair and held with confidence, light weights short of needs and sellers demanding premiums. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was mixed. Offerings are adequate to barely adequate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat and tom drums, balance slow. Demand was mixed. Offerings were short.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 28, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-79	72-79	76.31	65	81.00	80	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	75	75.00	20	77.80	25	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-74	-	-	-	80.00	80	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74	74	74.00	20	77.00	14	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	72-74	73.00	160	-	-	-	400	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-76	76	76.00	12	-	-	-	400	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 29, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	76.31	70.33	72.20 **	EASTERN REGION	72.56	69.50	71.21
CENTRAL REGION	73.22	72.10 **	71.80 **	CENTRAL REGION	71.80	69.45	70.69
WESTERN REGION	73.00	72.60 **	71.80 **	WESTERN REGION	72.33	69.80	70.83
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	72.20 **	72.00 **	71.20 **	EASTERN REGION	71.73	68.84	70.64
CENTRAL REGION	74.75	72.69	71.10 **	CENTRAL REGION	71.95	69.02	70.24
WESTERN REGION	73.00	72.00 **	71.10 **	WESTERN REGION	71.63	69.39	70.40

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	72-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	106-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-123

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Aug 01, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	80.98	275,000
16-24 lbs.	79.50	20,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	310,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 23-Jul-2005 (Preliminary)

W/E 20 Oct 2005 (Preliminary)						
YOUNG TURKEYS				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		AVG
				BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	720	-1	23.81	(A)	724	23.81
South Atlantic	682	0	31.62	(A)	685	31.62
North Central	2,263	4	30.50	(A)	2,266	30.50
South Central	675	2	18.70	(A)	678	18.70
West	358	1	26.16	(A)	361	26.16
U.S. total	4,698(B)	2	27.59	16	4,714	27.59
To-date						
2005	123,667(B)			105	123,772	
To-date						
2004	124,371(B)			196	124,567	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date 682,000; for last year to date 1,357,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

June	472,238*
July 1 - 23, 2005	313,604*

To date 2005	2,861,822*
To date 2004	2,816,293*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 23-Jul-2005

(Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,989	2,679	30	16	4,714
Avg Wt	15.82	36.43	21.51	23.19	27.59
Last week	1,959	2,630	22	14	4,625
Same wk yr ago	1,910	2,713	72	1	4,696
Avg Wt	16.71	36.03	23.21	43.53	27.97
To-date/2005	49,103	73,882	682	105	123,772
To-date/2004	49,921	73,093	1,357	196	124,567

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 JULY 2005.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on tom drums, steady to fully steady on tom wings and necks. Demand light to moderate on tom drums with some noting improved interest into export channels. Tom wing and neck demand moderate. Offerings of tom drums uneven ranging from short to instances fully adequate, tom wings and necks light and spotty. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady with increased export interest noted. Offerings light and held with confidence. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey is mostly steady. Demand light to moderate for the adequate offerings. For domestic: livers 23 shipping point, fresh tom wings 34, fresh Grade A hocklock 16-18 lb. toms 77 cents delivered current. For export: tom drummettes 32, fresh thigh meat 86 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	107.00		107.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	109.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	49.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.00		50.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.00		34.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.50		30.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	120.00	80
NECKS, TOM	38.50		38.50	40
NECKS, HEN		T	40.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	172.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	194.00		194.00	120
THIGH MEAT	86.00		86.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	90.00	96
BREAST TRIM MEAT	157.00		157.00	24
SCAPULA MEAT		M	89.00	12
TENDERLOINS		M	151.67	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	151.00	38
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	174.00		174.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	62.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	27.00		27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00		26.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	49.00		49.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	312
TAILS		R	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00		86.00	280

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 JULY 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was barely steady to instances fully steady with some able to get premiums while others struggle to maintain a steady market. The market tone on tom wings and necks steady to instances firm with tom full-cut wing offerings not as tight as previous weeks, balance short to light. Demand light to mostly moderate. The market tone on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim steady to instances firm; breast trim fully steady to firm and frozen wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand light on frozen wing meat with skin, balance of white meat moderate to good. Offerings of frozen wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat short to light and generally held with confidence. Inquiry was noted for WOGs. Domestic trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. Open priced export trading was active on frozen mechanically separated turkey -20% with 19 cent floors and 29 cent ceilings and also on frozen thigh meat 84 cent floors and 96 cent ceilings for current through early October shipments, moderate on open priced fresh tom drums and thigh meat with no floors or ceilings for August shipments. Firm priced export trading was active on fresh tom drums and on frozen thigh meat, balance slow. For domestic: livers 23 delivered pet foods, fresh tom wings 35, fresh wing meat with skin 79-82, Grade a basted 8-10 lb. breasts 115, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb breasts 144 and basted 145, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 142, fresh breast trim 160-165 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 48, fries -1 year age 183 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING		PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
			1/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	107.00-110.00			108.88	320	108.50	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/			W	158.00	20	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/			W	109.00	40	109.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM			M	49.60	100	49.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	53.00			53.00	26	51.18	66
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00			42.00	40	42.00	48
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00			37.00	40	36.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN			R	34.00	80	33.37	95
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM			R	30.50	40	29.75	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	93.00			93.00	20	93.00	20
NECKS, TOM	39.00			39.00	40	38.67	255
NECKS, HEN			T	40.00	8	40.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	175.00			175.00	60	173.29	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	192.00-198.00			194.79	560	194.61	720
THIGH MEAT	84.00			84.00	200	84.68	265
THIGH MEAT--FRESH			W	90.00	96	89.75	110
BREAST TRIM MEAT	153.00-155.00			154.00	80	155.37	200
SCAPULA MEAT	91.00			91.00	30	90.43	42
TENDERLOINS			M	151.67	60	151.67	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	156.00			156.00	40	156.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00-61.00			59.80	200	59.80	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	177.00			177.00	60	176.43	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/			R	27.00	40	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-27.00			26.67	144	27.10	440
EXPORT TRADING							
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-53.00			51.50	80	49.50	400
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS							
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM			R	31.00	312	31.00	312
TAILS							
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/			W	26.00	104	26.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.00-86.50			85.35	520	85.60	840

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